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Re: FCC PR Docket #92-235 - Replacement of Part 90 by Part 88
to Revise the Private Land Mobile Radio Service and to
Modify the Policies Governing Them.

Douglas County, Oregon is mostly mountainous terrain, covers 5089 square miles, with elevations ranging from 9182 feet in the Cascades to sea level at the Pacific Ocean near Winchester Bay.

The proposed rule changes, that would limit maximum authorized effective radiated power (ERP) with respect to the antenna height above the average terrain, could result in Douglas County having

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First, I will use the Fire Radio Service to point out problems Douglas County will face if the Rule Change is adopted. Douglas County Consolidated Communications Center is providing fire dispatch service to 25 different Rural, Volunteer and City Fire Departments, using one of three transmitter sites. (Canyon Mountain, Scott Mountain or Yoncalla Hill) These three sites are licensed for 50 to 110 Watts at this time. The coverage is marginal at best in some of the rural outlying areas of the County.

If Douglas County were required to reduce the out-put power on these three sites to the required 5 Watts, the Consolidated Communications Center in Douglas County would more than likely be out of business.

The Police Radio Service is being used by the Douglas County Sheriff's

